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W**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: N. Thomas

Group Art Unit: 1641

Serial Number: 09/555,102

Examiner: G. Gabel

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For: Multiple Assay Method

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TECH CENTER 1600/2900**Response to Office Action**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2001, in connection with the captioned application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants are also submitting, concurrently herewith, a petition to extend the period of response three months up to and including March 26, 2002.

In the Specification

Please amend page 1, line 8, by inserting the following headings:**-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****1. Field of the Invention --**

b1 [Please amend page 1, line 25, by inserting the following heading:]

-- 2. Description of Related Art --
